

# MEMBER NEWS



## Hot off the Press!!

Summer has come to an end, and though the weather isn't much of an indicator, Fall is here.

We just completed our Riverboat Tour, and though the river did not reveal the full Fall color's as we had hoped, it was still a wonderful day with friends as we meandered the Grand with Captain Chip at the helm.

Our Christmas Open House is fast approaching on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you would like to help transform our museum, we have 2 decoration days planned, Saturday, November 12 and Tuesday November 15, 9:30 until noon. Come join the fun of making the house sparkle for the Holidays!

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## Minutes of the Jenison Historical Association – September 15, 2016

Present: Nellie DeLaat, Liz Timmer, Mary Roper, Yvonne Williams, Ken Williams, Mike Timmer, Gene Kort, Linda Droog, Barb Semeyn, Sandy Wensink

### **Association/Museum Business**

Approve Meeting Agenda: Mike motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Gene. Carried.

Review August Minutes: Motion to accept as written was made by Mary and Sandy. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Yvonne and Barb motioned to accept as presented. Carried.

Maintenance Report: Mike reported that the outside painting of the house is now completed.

Curator/Historian Report: Ken reported

- The passing of Joyce Klawiter, long time member of JHA, on September 11, 2016.
- "Remembering" the beginning of the JHA.- The founding members of the group who helped save the house and were instrumental in compiling historical information used in the "Bend in the River" and turning the house into a museum.
- Cattle Yoke was purchased by Ken and Yvonne and is now on loan to the museum.
- Special Tour by a family from Illinois. They came to the area to purchase somethings with 'Jenison' on it because the Dad's first name was Jenisen. Ken did a full tour and sold several items including the ornament souvenirs. They also left a donation.
- September's Tuesday Open House was very busy, we had about 30 visitors. Liz said again we had a small blurb in the Advance Newspaper which brings in the people.

Township Representative's Report: Ron not present

Acquisitions Report: Barb reported that several new items have been completed. A silk parasol donated by Marilyn Galer and cloth flour sifters that were found in the office area. Now have the cattle yoke also.

Cleaning & Upkeep: Yvonne reported we have started taking down some of the clothing displays. Ken has cleaned and mopped the basement. Gene has vacuumed the attic. After Saturday's open house we will again begin more intense cleaning now with the cooler weather.

Review Master Plan/Projects: Liz asked Mike if he would get cost estimates on plexi-glass for drawer covers as well as the beveled windows.

Community Expo: This year it is set for the first Saturday in November and our booth fee has been waved. Liz asked that we have the "Then and Now" board again on display. Nellie and Liz will have a guessing game and prizes ready to go.

September Open House: Ken has the 'Tool Time' questions ready to go. Nellie asked for a list of workers available for Saturday.

Christmas Decorations: Barb reported on some of her research of turn of the century decorations. We then set our dates for decorating the house. They will be Saturday, November 12 and Tuesday,

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November 15. Time will be 9:30/10:00 until noon.

October Boat Ride: Liz has sold 23 tickets out of the 130 available. Asked members to take some of the fliers and post in the community. Normally, ticket sales really pick up 1-2 weeks before the event.

Remembering past members: Liz presented an idea for purchasing a plaque to honor past members who have passed away. Mike was asked to research cost.

Historical Tour of Jenison: Liz offered an idea for a fund raiser. She is willing to approach the Senior Center personnel about interest in doing a guided historical tour of the area using the township buses. Discussion followed.

Purchasing duplicate items: Liz asked if we should be looking for and purchasing some items for "hands on" displays. It was suggested we make a list of what we already have duplicates of that we could use.

The Flags: have been photographed and are now stored in acid free materials and storage boxes.

### **Other Business**

Ken shared a sample of his timeline display he has been working on. He asked for more input on suggestions for 1970 into the 2000's. What important events should we include?

Yvonne shared information on a workshop that will be coming up on Wednesday, October 26. It's presented by the Office of Local History at GVSU. Workshop and lunch will feature "Oral History". Call Yvonne if you are interested in attending.

# Treasurer Report

**Treasurer Report**  
**September 30, 2016**

submitted by Ruth Lowing, Treasurer

Checking Account					
Date	Num	Transaction	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>Beginning Balance</b>					<b>\$6,625.06</b>
9/4/16	Dep	Deposit	Ornament Sale	Gift Store: Ornaments	\$25.00
			Pencil Sales	Gift Store: Pencils	\$2.00
			Private Tours	Donations: Private Tours	\$25.00
			Bend in the River	Gift Store: Books	\$10.00
Activity for report period					\$62.00
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>					<b>\$ 6,687.06</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>					<b>\$50.00</b>
12/1/12					
<b>Petty Cash Balance</b>					<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>ENDING Accounts BALANCE</b>					<b>\$6,737.06</b>
<b>2015 Retained Earnings</b>					<b>\$6,280.03</b>
Total Income 2016					<b>\$1,328.82</b>
Total Expenses 2016					<b>(\$921.79)</b>
Checking Account Balance					<b>\$6,687.06</b>
Petty Cash Box					\$50.00
<b>Cash on Hand</b>					<b>\$6,737.06</b>
Receivables					\$0.00
<b>Total Equity</b>					<b>\$ 6,737.06</b>

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## Upcoming Open Houses

### Christmas Open House,

The House will be decorated in all it's glory for the Holidays! This is a long time tradition to bring the festivities of the Christmas season into the house.

### Christmas Open House Dates:

**December 3 (1-4 PM)**

**December 6 (10 to noon)**

**January 7 (2-4 PM)**

### Jenison Museum Souvenir's

Check out our Gift Shop for many Jenison History items and help support the Association.

Ornaments are \$15 each or buy both for \$25. These make great gifts,

Other items include pictures, stationary, pencils, Bend in the River Books, etc.



## JHA Trustee's

### Chair

Liz Timmer (2016)  
457-3708

### Vice Chair/Curator/Tours

Ken Williams (2017)  
772.6523

### Treasurer/Editor

Ruth Lowing (2017)  
540-4709

### Social Secretary

Nellie DeLaat (2016)  
457-1193

### Recording Secretary

Linda Droog (2018)  
457-3016

### Archivist

Barb Semeyn (2017)  
457-9343

### Maintenance/Historian

Mike Timmer (2016)  
531-1218

### Trustee

Yvonne Williams (2017)  
772-6523

Gene Kort (2016)  
534-6769

### Township Rep

Ron Villerius

(####) = year of term expiration

**Contact Information:** Members may contact the board at the above phone numbers or leave a message at 457-4398 or [info@jenisonhistory.org](mailto:info@jenisonhistory.org)

### Organization Membership in the Historical Association of Michigan

Find us on the registry of the Historical Society of Michigan  
[www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

Find us on Facebook at Jenison History Association and become a friend.

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## 2016 Association Schedule

### 2016 Open House Schedule

November 1 – 10-Noon –  
December 3 – 1-4 PM – Christmas  
December 6 – 10-Noon – Christmas  
January 7, 2017 – 2-4 PM - Christmas

### Meeting Schedule

Meetings are all open to the public and held on the **3rd Thursday** of the month at 6:45 PM at the Georgetown Library, unless noted. No meeting in December.

Thursday, November 17

> > No meeting in December

Watch this space for our 2017 schedule

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